

In re Appln. of Houis et al.  
Application No. 09/645,777

*IN THE SPECIFICATION*

Please amend the title as follows:

**BLOW-MOLDED ~~MOULDED~~ ARTICLES AND BLOW-MOLDING MOULDING  
METHODS FOR PRODUCING THEM**

Please add the following paragraph before "DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS" on page 2, -- Figure 4 is a bellows arrangement comprising a pair of bellows. --

Please amend the first paragraph on page 3 as follows:

In one particular application of the bellows 10, two of them are respectively mounted to protect the ends of a steering rack of the steering mechanism on the vehicle. Thus, the steering mechanism may comprise a steering box operated directly by the driver's steering wheel or through the intermediary of a power steering arrangement. A steering rack extends outwardly in opposite directions from each side of the steering box 30 and is moved axially in one or the other direction by the steering box 30, in response to steering action by the driver, the opposite ends of the rack being connected to turn the steerable wheels 32 of the vehicle. In use, a bellows 10 extends from one side of the steering box, with its larger diameter fixing collar 14 being secured to the steering box where the 30 steering rack extends outwardly therefrom. The smaller diameter collar 12 of the bellows 10 is secured to the distal end of the rack.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 as follows:

In accordance with a feature of the bellows being described, this interconnection between the two bellows at opposite ends of the steering rack is implemented by means of an interconnection tube 34 (~~not shown~~) which extends sealingly between two connectors 20 (of which one is shown at 20 in Figures 1 and 2). The connector 20 is L-shaped in form, comprising in greater detail, a relatively long hollow tubular part 22 and a relatively short hollow tubular part 24. Each part of 22,24 has an open end 22A, 24A. As shown in Figures 1 and 2, the connector 20 is secured in position on the bellows 10 so that the end of 24A is attached to the wall of the bellows adjacent the larger diameter collar 14 and with the hollow interior of the portion 24 thus open to the interior 25 of the bellows. The portion 24 of the connector 20 thus extends radially of the axis of the bellows and the portion 22 of the connector extends in an axial direction.